

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

**Listings of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for conducting electronic transactions, the method comprising:

(a) establishing a first communication connection to a provider from a consumer computer;

(b) submitting to the provider a request for a transaction from said consumer computer;

(c) processing said transaction, and generating electronic certificate data;

C1 (d) establishing a second communication connection from said provider to a consumer printer;

(e) providing printing instructions for printing said electronic certificate;

(f) transmitting by said provider said printing instructions with said electronic certificate data at least partially contained within an image file to said consumer's printer on said second communication connection; and — <sup>also</sup> || ?

(g) controlling a printing of ~~an~~ said electronic certificate using said printing instructions by the ~~from said~~ provider to print the said electronic certificate on said consumer's printer. } ?

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said transmitting includes transmitting said electronic certificate data to said consumer's printer without involvement of said consumer.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said transmitting [act] includes transmitting said electronic certificate data to said consumer's printer without involvement of said consumer's computer.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said submitting includes:

- (h) submitting consumer identification information for said consumer;
- and
- (i) submitting printer identification information for said consumer's printer.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein said processing includes:

- (h) confirming said consumer identification information; and
- (i) confirming said printer identification information.

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6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said establishing communication connection includes:

- (h) said provider confirming that said printer has sufficient supplies and is connected to the network; and
- (i) said provider replenishing said printer with supplies.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further including  
(h) providing an identification indicia for printing on said electronic certificate;

- (i) transmitting said identification indicia data along with said image file to said consumer's printer; and
- (j) printing said identification indicia on said electronic certificate

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further including

- (k) confirming that said identification indicia was printed on said electronic certificate; and
- (l) maintaining print confirmation information for said electronic certificate by said provider.

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said identification indicia is a bar code

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further including:

(g) cutting around said printing of said electronic certificate.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said printing includes:

(h) printing an original postage label and an associated pick up schedule label.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further including:

(h) requesting said consumer to make a payment for said electronic transaction; and

(i) confirming said payment.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said confirming includes:

(j) printing an original receipt for said payment.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method for conducting electronic transactions, the method comprising:

- (a) requesting a transaction from a provider;
- (b) transmitting by said provider an authorized document data at least partially contained within an image file along with printing instructions to a consumer's printer that is under direct control of said provider in response to said transaction; and
- (c) printing said authorized document using said printing instructions with said consumer's printer.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein said transmitting [act] includes:

- (d) transmitting said authorized document data to said consumer's printer without involvement of said consumer.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further including:

- (e) said provider directly confirming that said consumer's printer has sufficient supplies to print said authorized document and is connected to the network; and
- (f) said provider automatically replenishing said consumer's printer with supplies.

23. (Previously Presented) A system for issuing and printing authentic certificates for a consumer computer, comprising:

- (a) a provider information processing system that receives request for an authentic certificate from said consumer computer and generates said authentic certificate, said processing system providing printing instructions for printing said authentic certification;
  - (b) a network connecting said processing system to a plurality of user's;
- and

(c) a consumer printer connected to a point on said network in communication with said provider information processing system, such that said consumer's printer receives authentic certificate data contained within an image file and printing instructions from said provider information processing system and prints the authentic certificate according to said printing instructions, at least one of the authentic certificate data and printing instructions at least partially contained within an image file.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, wherein said consumer's printer can use two or more communication connections directly with the provider.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, wherein said provider information processing system further includes [means for]:

- (c) directly confirming that said consumer's printer has sufficient supplies to print said authentic certificate and is connected to the network; and
- (d) replenishing said consumer's printer with supplies.

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, wherein said consumer's printer further includes [means for] sending print confirmation information to said provider.

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, wherein said consumer's printer has cutting capability and is capable of printing authentic certificates of different dimensions.

30. (Previously Presented) A printing device associated with a consumer, comprising:

(a) means for receiving printing data contained within an image and printing instructions from a remote provider; and

(b) means for printing said printing data according to said printing instructions under said remote provider's direct control without involvement of said consumer, wherein when an image file that contains at least a portion of said printing data is present transaction, and the image file is printed by the means for printing.

31. (Original) The printing device of claim 30, further including:

(c) means for acknowledging receipt of said printing data directly to said remote provider.

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32. (Previously Presented) The printing device of claim 30, further including:

(d) means for canceling a printed image material; and

(e) means for sending information about cancellation of said printed image material to said remote provider.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously Presented) The printing device of claim 30, wherein said means for printing said printing data further includes:

(f) means for printing an authentic label for a CD ROM and printing the authentic label on the CD ROM.

36. (Previously Presented) The printing device of claim 32, wherein said means for canceling includes:

(f) means for defacing said printed material;  
(g) means for scanning an image of said printed material in defaced form;  
and  
(h) means for sending an image of said printed material in defaced form  
to said remote provider.

37. (Previously Presented) The printing device of claim 36, wherein said  
means for canceling include:

(i) means for reading identification code by a magnetic bar code  
reader; and  
(ii) means for sending identification information read from said  
printed material to said remote provider.

38. (Previously Presented) The printing device of claim 30, wherein said  
means for printing includes means for printing original financial certificates.

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Previously Presented) The printing device of claim 30, wherein said  
means for printing includes means for printing original payment receipts.

42. (Cancelled)

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Cancelled)

45. (Cancelled)

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said controlling the printing of an electronic certificate includes a printer driver residing in the provider's computer system communicating with a printer driver residing in the consumer's printer, and said controlling the printer of an electronic certificate being independent of a printer driver on the consumer computer.

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Cancelled)

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46 wherein said communicating is via the Internet.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46 wherein said provider's computer system is geographically remote from the consumer's printer.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50 wherein said consumer's printer is one of a plurality of printers.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50 wherein said provider's computer system is one of a plurality of computer systems.

53. (Cancelled)

54. (Currently Amended) A method for printing original documents at a user location, the method comprising:

(a) transmitting by said provider first data for a first original document to a printer with first printing instructions via a computer network;



(b) printing the first original document responsive to the first data with a printer using the transmitted first printing instructions;

(c) transmitting by said provider second data for a second original document to the printer with second printing instructions via the computer network, the second original document being a different type of document than the first original document, at least one of the first and second original document at least partially contained within an image file; and

(d) printing the second original document responsive to the second data with the printer using the second printing instructions.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 54, wherein said transmitting include transmitting said first and second electronic certificate data to said printer without involvement of said user.

56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 54, wherein said transmitting include transmitting said first and second electronic certificate data to said printer without involvement of a user's computer.

57. (Original) The method of claim 54, wherein said printing includes:

(e) printing an original financial certificate.

58. (Cancelled)

59. (Cancelled)

60. (Original) The method of claim 54, wherein said printing includes:

(e) printing an original postage label and an associated pick up schedule label.

61. (Cancelled)

62. (Original) The method of claim 54 further including:

- (e) requesting said user to make a payment for said electronic transaction; and
- (f) confirming said payment.

63. (Original) The method of claim 62, wherein said printing includes:

- (g) printing an original receipt for said payment.

64. (Cancelled)

65. (Cancelled)

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67. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 54 , wherein said transmitting include transmitting said first and second electronic certificate data to an intermediary printer maintenance organization; and said intermediary printer maintenance organization regularly check the consumer printer supplies.

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